more competitive in the world market in terms of both quality and prices.

(15) Encouragement and support will continue to be given to the Central Silk Board and the State Governments for rapid development of sericulture industry in all parts of the country.

(16) Programmes would be undertaken to augment the indigenous raw wool production in terms of both quality and quantity.

(17) The knitting and apparel manufacturing sectors contribute significantly to employment generation and export earnings besides meeting the domestic demand fo clothing. The Government shall pursue policies for strengthening, modernising and developing these sectors.

Tobacco purchased by Tobacco Board on auction

1006. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of tobacco purchased by the Tobacco Board on auction platforms during the last three years and how the same was disposed of;

(b) what was the profit/loss to the Board in this operation;

(c) whether any amount of the profit was distributed amongst the tobacco growers; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SHANTILAL PURUSHOTTAMDAS PATEL): (a) Tobacco Board did not purchase any tobacco on auction Platforms during 1988, 1989 and 1990.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Incentives to exporters with nil import content

1007. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian exporters are being offered various incentives to import goods against their exports;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there are many exporters of manufactured goods whose import content is nil; and

(c) if so, when incentives are being offered to such exporters?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SHANTILAL PURUSHOTTAMDAS PATEL): (a) to (c) The registered exporters are allowed by way of replenishment, the essential inputs required in the manufacture of the products exported and to allow flexibility to enable diversification of the export products. The replenishment licences are issued irrespective of the fact that the manufactured product has any import content, provided the item of export is not covered by the list of export products ineligible for import replenishment licences, as specified in the Import Policy.

Top ten exporters in the country

1008. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the top ten exporters in the country whose exports exceeded Rs. 50 crore in 1989-90 but whose net foreign exchange earnings were less than Rs. 50 crore in that year; and

(b) what are the details of the top ten exporters in the country whose exports exceeded Rs. 50 crore in 1989-90 but whose net foreign exchange earnings were nil during that year?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI

SHANTILAL PURUSHOTTAMDAS PATEL): (a) The office of CCI&E does not maintain information on net foreign exchange earned by all exporters. Export Houses/Trading House status is granted on the basis of minimum prescribed net foreign exchange earning achieved. However, on the basis of information available in this office, with regard to Trading Houses/Export Houses, there is only one Trading House who has exported more than Rs. 50 crores in 1989-90 and earned net foreign exchange earnings less than Rs. 50 crores in that year.

(b) M/s B. Vijay Kumar & Company, Bombay.

Indian Private investment in Peoples Republic of China and Vietnam

1009. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount of investment made by Indians in various industries in Peoples Republic of China and Vietnam so far; and

(b) what is the amount of profits, if any, repatriated from these countries during 1989-90?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SHANTILAL PURUSHOTTAMDAS PATEL): (a) No approval has been accorded for innvestment by Indian in Peoples Republic of China. In Vietnam, one joint venture was approved on 25-5-1990 in which the proposed Indian equity is US $ 4.00 lacs.

(b) Does not arise.

Criteria for engaging lawyers outside the country

1010. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria laid down by Government for engaging lawyers for court cases outside the country;

(a) whether a loss of about $ 20 million was incurred in cases involving the Indian Oil Corporation, the Food Corporation of India etc. due to the engagement of incompetent lawyers;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) what action has been taken or is proposed to be taken by Government to check such losses in future?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY): (a) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) No such loss has been brought to the attention of the Government.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Introduction of five day week in Banks, Central Government Offices and Public Sector Undertakings

1011. SHRI J. P. JAVALI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any move ts introduce five day week in banks as economy drive in the wake of Gulf crisis;

(b) if so, what are the other areas where it would be introduced; and

(c) what are the estimated savings in case this measure is implemented?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) There is no proposal under consideration of the Government to introduce five day week in banks.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.